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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

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1. GOB SENSIBILITIES RE UNILATERAL ACTIVITIES SMACKING OF "EXTRA TERRITORIALITY" HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER PROPOSALS FOR INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY BY US AGENCIES WITHIN BRAZIL. THESE CONCERNS WOULD BE COUPLED AT THIS TIME WITH STRONG PREOCCUPATION OVER FURTHER US TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND WOULD RENDER PROJECT HIGHLY SENSITIVE.

2. WE NEED FAR MORE DETAIL THAN CONTAINED REFTEL BEFORE WE CAN GIVE COUNTRY CLEARANCE, INCLUDING PRODUCTS TO BE INVESTIGATED, NAMES OF MANUFACTURERS, AND PROPOSED MODUS OPERANDI (FOR EXAMPLE, DO CUSTOMS OFFICERS EXPECT TO EXAMINE BOOKS OF MANUFACTURERS?).

3. RE PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL LAST SENTENCE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT WITH APPROPRIATE

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GOB AUTHORITIES THOROUGHLY, IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL OF

CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

4. PENDING CLARIFICATION OF FOREGOING QUESTIONS AND
UNTIL THIS COORDINATION WITH GOB AUTHORITIES HAS
BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, COUNTRY CLEARANCE WITHHELD.
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